

## Section VII – ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Original	Revised
<p><b>1. General</b> Members’ Regulation 1.3 states “The Chair of Council and a Vice-Chair of Council shall be elected by and from Council.”</p> <p><b>2. Eligibility</b> 2.1 All Council Members who are BCS Professional Members<sup>1</sup> in good standing<sup>2</sup> and who are not ex-officio members of Council<sup>3</sup> are eligible for election. 2.2 Council Members may stand for one or both positions as well as for positions on Trustee Board and Nominations Committee.</p> <p><b>3. Process for election</b> 3.1 Subject to a position becoming vacant, elections to fill the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall usually be held at the first meeting of Council following an Annual General Meeting. The term of office for Chair of Council is two years and the term of office for Vice-Chair of Council is one year.</p> <p>3.2 The order of elections shall be: 3.2.1 Election of Chair of Council</p>	<p><b>1. General</b> Members’ Regulation 1.3 states “The Chair of Council and a Vice-Chair of Council shall be elected by and from Council.” <i>The Chair of Council shall be a Council-elected member of Trustee Board for as long as they are Chair of Council. Thereafter they are eligible to be re-elected in accordance with Regulation IV.</i></p> <p><b>2. Eligibility</b> 2.1 All Council Members who are BCS Professional Members<sup>1</sup> in good standing<sup>2</sup> and who are not ex-officio members of Council<sup>3</sup> are eligible for election. 2.2 Council Members may stand for one or both positions as well as for positions on Trustee Board and Nominations Committee.</p> <p><b>3. Process for election</b> 3.1 Subject to a position becoming vacant, elections to fill the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall usually be held at the first meeting of Council following an Annual General Meeting. The term of office for Chair of Council is two years and the term of office for Vice-Chair of Council is one year. <i>If filling casual vacancies, these terms shall end at the first meeting of Council following an Annual General Meeting immediately before the expiry of the term of years.</i></p> <p>3.2 The order of elections shall be: 3.2.1 Election of Chair of Council</p>

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<p>3.2.2 Election of Vice-Chair of Council</p> <p>3.2.3 Election to Trustee Board (in accordance with Council Regulations for the Conduct of Council Business – Section IV)</p> <p>3.3 When an election is required the secretariat to Council <del>will</del> invite Council members to put themselves forward for election by Council for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair. The secretariat <del>will</del> provide relevant information such as a list of current Council members and their terms of office, eligibility details and a list of competencies for the roles.</p> <p>3.4 Candidates for election require a proposer and seconder to nominate them, both being current elected Council Members. Proposers and seconders may not propose or support the nomination of more than one candidate for each vacancy<sup>4</sup> but may support the same candidate for different roles and different candidates for different roles.</p> <p>3.5 Canvassing, if undertaken at all, should be appropriate and in moderation with due regard for the privacy of other Council members.</p> <p>3.6 Candidates for election to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair must complete the nomination form for election, in accordance with guidance issued by the secretariat from time to time. This includes a nomination statement no longer than 200 words detailing how a candidate meets the competencies for the role(s) and their background, together with the names of their proposer and seconder, and a declaration of willingness to act.</p> <p>3.7 If Candidates wish to stand for more than one role they must complete separate nomination forms and nomination statements for each <del>role they wish to stand for</del>.</p> <p>3.8 The secretariat <del>will</del> place candidates' nomination details on the Council secure area of the BCS website, as soon as possible after <del>receipt</del>.</p>	<p><del>and associated seat on Trustee Board</del></p> <p>3.2.2 Election of Vice-Chair of Council</p> <p>3.2.3 Election to Trustee Board (in accordance with Council Regulations for the Conduct of Council Business – Section IV)</p> <p>3.3 When an election is required the secretariat to Council <i>shall</i> invite Council members to put themselves forward for election by Council for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair, <i>stating the closing date</i>. The secretariat <i>shall</i> provide relevant information such as a list of current Council members and their terms of office, eligibility details and a list of competencies for the roles.</p> <p>3.4 Candidates for election require a proposer and seconder to nominate them, both being current elected Council Members. Proposers and seconders may not propose or support the nomination of more than one candidate for each vacancy<sup>4</sup> but may support the same candidate for different roles and different candidates for different roles.</p> <p>3.5 Canvassing, if undertaken at all, should be appropriate and in moderation with due regard for the privacy of other Council members.</p> <p>3.6 Candidates for election to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair must complete the nomination form for election, in accordance with guidance issued by the secretariat from time to time. This includes a nomination statement no longer than 200 words detailing how a candidate meets the competencies for the role(s) and their background, together with the names of their proposer and seconder, and a declaration of willingness to act.</p> <p>3.7 If Candidates wish to stand for more than one post they must complete separate nomination forms and nomination statements for each <i>post</i>.</p> <p>3.8 The secretariat <i>shall</i> place candidates' nomination details on the Council secure area of the BCS website, as soon as possible after <i>the close of nominations</i>.</p>
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~~3.9 The secretariat will receive candidates' nominations up to a given date.~~

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3.11 A successfully elected candidate for the position of Chair shall automatically withdraw from the elections for Vice-Chair and Trustee Board and those elections shall continue with all remaining candidates.

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3.13 A secret ballot ~~will~~ then take place whether or not there are more candidates or nominations than existing vacancies. Ex-officio members of Council are not entitled to vote.

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